

## ANNUAL NAVAL "DUCKING"

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### Fourteen Officers Will Be Retired by the Compulsory Retirement Board of Rear Admirals

The entire navy was on the annual anxious set in anticipation of the action which would be taken on the 1st of April, 1909, when the board of junior lieutenants, which will chop off the heads of fourteen officers to-day. By provision of the naval personnel act of 1899, forty vacancies must be created in the grades above junior lieutenant by the end of each fiscal year and up to yesterday there were twenty vacancies to be created. At the close of the day, however, applications from six captains for these Voluntary retirements, the required average number of vacancies to be created in the grade of junior lieutenant have been made, but in order to obtain the required average number of vacancies above the grade of junior lieutenant, the board of junior lieutenants on the board on elimination to select fourteen officers.

This will be done to-day at a meeting of the board at the Navy Department building in the city. The board is headed by Richard Walcott, president; Rear Ad-

While the law permits of captains and commanders obtaining voluntary retirement under this law, all the applications

tions yesterday, peculiarly enough, came from officers in the higher grade. They are Capt. Burns T. Walling, of Ohio; James G. Gilmore, of Pennsylvania; Thomas D. Griffin, of Virginia; John M. Orchard, of Missouri; Ben W. Hodges, of

Mississippi, and Edward Lloyd, of Maryland.

FOUO ON THE ACTIVE RPT.

## LONGER HOURS ORDERED FOR RECIPROCITY DEBATE

Another effort to speed the consideration of the proposed trade agreement with Cuba was made today when the House voted 371-10 to extend the debate on the measure until Wednesday, July 5, was yesterday agreed to by the Senate.

tion of the Canadian Reciprocity bill was made by the Senate leaders yesterday when the chairman of the Finance Committee, who is in charge of the measure, gave notice of an intention to move longer daily sessions of the Senate beginning July 6.

The Senate will hereafter sit from 11

proposal at to-day's session, except on the motion to adjourn. The request was granted. This means that practically nothing will be done to-day, except possibly the continuation of routine debate and that for all practical purposes the Senate will stand adjourned from yesterday until next Wednesday.

PROCLAMATION BY KING. HAMMOND FAMILY  
— SNURRED BY PRINCE

London, June 10.—King George to-day issued this proclamation:  
"To My People:  
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Not Recognized at Ball.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

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affectionate demonstrations have touched me profoundly, and filled me afresh with faith and confidence.

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Lieut. (junior grade) James S. Woods to be a lieutenant from March 4.  
Assistant Paymaster Frank T. Foxwell to be passed assistant paymaster from February 25.

**Henry St. G. Tucker Better.**  
Henry St. George Tucker, one of the most prominent Democrats connected with Virginia politics, is slowly recovering in this city from a recent operation upon his eyes. Mr. Tucker has been

forced to undergo several operations recently for the benefit of his eyesight. He is now at the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital here, and is said to be on the road to recovery following the most recent operation.

**Funeral of W. A. Haley.**  
Funeral services for William A. Haley, musician, who died Thursday, will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the residence, 156 T street northwest. The

Scottish Rite Masons will have charge of the ceremonies, and a delegation from Local 151, American Federation of Musicians, of which Mr. Haley was a member, will attend. The following members of the federation have been selected as such: Alvin and Robert Gibson, duties, and much preferred having a good time. The Cavaliers called him "Queen Dick," and others, still less respectfully, spoke of him as "Tumble-down

as pallbearers: Henry F. Smith, A. Fouth, J. N. Pistorio, J. G. Frazier, C. O. Mills, John Maescker, and C. B. Schofield.

Paris, June 26.—Orders were given to-day to round up anarchists as a result of the discovery that an attempt to wreck the Havre express last night was due to an anarchistic plot. The railroad agents had been equipped with all

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**Anarchists Are Followed.**

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Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, June 30.—The Duke of Connaught's attention to the John Hay Hammond family must be a bitter pill for the Whitehall Reids to swallow.

At the great dinner given by Ambassador and Mrs. Reid in honor of the Connaught family, neither Mr. or Mrs. Hammond were at the table of the host or hostess. As Mr. Hammond's rank of special ambassador is second only to the Reids, this violation of precedence caused much comment.

This happened at a dinner where the places were assigned. After the dinner the Duke of Connaught approached Mr. Hammond and chaffed him about it.

Before the dancing started, the duke invited Mrs. Hammond to supper, thereby showing the guests that in his opinion the Hammonds ranked second in the brilliant assembly.

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**VIOLATE FLAG LAW.**

**Sale of Collier's Weekly Halted by Boston Police.**

Boston, June 30.—The sale of the current issue of Collier's Weekly was stopped in Boston to-day by order of the police because it had advertising on a representation of the American flag in colors on the first page in violation of the laws of the State.

The matter was brought to the attention of Superintendent of Police Pierce by the Society for the Protection of the American Flag. Supt. Pierce sent word to all captains asking them to instruct all newdealers that if they sold this week's issue of Collier's that they would be liable to prosecution.

The captains throughout the city reported back to police headquarters that all newdealers said that they would not offer Collier's for sale.

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**EXPRESS CHARGES LOWER.**

**Sweeping Reductions Made Voluntarily by Carriers.**

Officials in the Interstate Commerce Commission were taken by surprise yesterday afternoon when bulky packages were delivered from all the express companies in the United States, except the Long Island Company. The new rates were dumped in on the commission only a short time before the closing hour, but a hasty checking showed that the tariffs call for large reductions in express rates, beginning August 1.

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**CURIOUS BITS OF HISTORY.**

By A. W. MACY.

**"QUEEN DICK."**

Oliver Cromwell was a strong character, but the same cannot be said of his son Richard. Oliver tried to train his son to be a worthy successor as Protector, but the attempt was a failure. Richard was easy-going and amiable, and more addicted to sports than to statecraft. He was the acknowledged Lord Protector from September 3, 1653, to May 25, 1659, but cut little official as such. He did not relish official duties, and much preferred having a good time. The Cavaliers and others, still less respectfully, spoke of him as "Tumble-down Dick." He was glad to quit when Parliament told him to get out. After his abdication, however, he conducted himself with credit and even with dignity. He lived in quiet retirement for fifty-three years, and died July 15, 1712, at the age of old age of ninety.

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To-morrow—A Petitioner's Imprecation.